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ETC., ETC.

CALL AND SEE US.

## CURRENT TOPICS

**Five great oil factories** are kept busy in Philadelphia.**The death of Jumbo** will bring relief to stockholders.Investors are beginning to ask: Is our trustee **trust**?SENATOR VAN WYCK **denies** consolidation from the public.A **Potomac** is buying crackers for a party that is ninety-two years old.

In China and Japan, silk is the only cash crop.

There are 6,200 organized miners and laborers in the anthracite coal regions.

GENERAL MILLS **will go** as far as the Mississippi River.A **new mine** has been opened by the **Rhine**, which is to be about twenty-five miles long.The **cooperatives** on Canadian railroads are being compelled to give up their franchises.

Miners from their homes near Seattle, W. T., and set them on fire.

Over \$150,000 in drafts and cash were sent to the **Red Cross** by letters sent to the dentist office last year.

It is estimated that the farm fence in this country, if placed in a straight line, would circle the earth.

Recent statistics demonstrate that England has a fifty-five miles of colony roads.

The **sovereigns** of New Zealand are a **success**.The **sovereigns** of New Zealand are a **success**.











# THE OLD VETERAN DRY GOODS MAN, H. BUCHANAN,

Has now received his full stock of FALL AND WINTER GOODS. The stock is immense and complete in all departments. These Goods were bought before the late Big Rise in prices, and they are all first-class Goods and will be sold at lower prices than can be found at any other house in this section of country. He has completely outdone all former purchases in quality, price and style. Recollect this house discounts all advertised prices.

## THE HICKMAN COURIER.

Patronize Your Own  
WHAT IS CIVIL SERVICE REFORM?

## Is it a Betterment of Affairs?

*Special to the Courier-Journal.*  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—There recently has been no change made for any management relating to the subject's attitude on the subject of civil-service reform. His letter to Mr. Eastman does not clearly, and does not only, that he is in favor of reform, but that he cordially approves of the present system of selection of officials that end. He is, therefore, an Etonian, a Pendletonian, in the fullest sense that either word may be applied to him.

If there has ever been any cause to doubt the honesty of President Cleveland as to the much talked, and little understood, civil-service laws, his letter to Eaton puts his position beyond all evil or possible misrepresentation. What is meant by it; and is the President right or wrong? The law in brief, proposes the appointment only of qualified men to certain offices, and their qualification to be ascertained by personal examination by a committee of experts before their names can be considered by the President, or the appointing head; and further, that such appointments are to be made during the term of years to which they are appointed, for partisan reasons. This last only applies to 700 to 800 of the 30,000 offices within the gift of the President. The objections to the law are:

1st. That it tends to build up an aristocracy of office-holders, a class dependent upon the voice of the people, but dependent only on a stereotyped examination, which is held before them, and which is not open to the public. In other words, whether it shall be the constitution. [Pardon me.]

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The members concerned ceased their neglect of general legislation with the plea that their attention was attracted to their local bills. Each having discharged the duty with which he was charged by his home people, he left the State to go to the State at large.

It should be understood more fully by our legislators that they are law-makers, and that each act which each occupy a position of much greater importance than that of tinkering with turnpike charters and the like.

Every citizen has a right under the constitution to ask for a general legislation, the Representatives and others to oblige every bill presented. They have at least the right to discriminate and give their attention first to the most important legislation.

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So far as we know or believe the voice of the people is unanimous for stopping this "local legislation," and no doubt nine-tenths of the members of the Legislature are in full agreement with us in asking for an election. This being true, it looks like there should be no trouble for the Legislature to adopt and uphold a rule to stop it. But, the same state of facts have attended each Legislature for the past ten years, but instead of there being a decrease there is from year to year an increase of "local legislation." Each month sees a blight on the other member, and continues to pile in the "local bills."

Wouldn't it be a good idea for the Commerce, or some circulating paper in the State, to send a letter to each member of the Kentucky Legislature asking: "If he will offer or rule for a rule to consider any local or private bill of a nature which can be disposed of at once?" And then compare the answers, or failure to answer, with local sentiment and the position of the member when asking an election.

IS KENTUCKY LOST TO ALL  
REARD FOR JUSTICE?

A Confessed Murderer Escapes  
Because of an \$8 Fee.

From the Princeton Banner.

The Princeton Republican of one day last week reported:

"A remarkable case came before Judge Neuman in the court of criminal correction yesterday morning. Charles Greenway, who is wanted in the State of Kentucky, was arrested in this city on a warrant charging him with being a fugitive from justice. The fugitive was brought into the courtroom by Sergeant John Burke, chief of detectives on a telegram from Kentucky, stating that he had been captured and was being held in custody. And the same merchant, just a day before, asked the police to give him a line of goods for my sake, and I told him I had no time to do anything for you, but I would think you a fool when I know you get the same goods just as cheap as me and all the time. When the prisoner called his attention to imported letter and bill heads, the merchant thought and was told that he had been doing business with him for a long time, and asked for his arrest and detention. When the arrest was made, the Kentucky authorities were informed that he had been sought and was to be held for trial in the criminal court of this city. The merchant, who is a grocer, druggist and other business man, should think of above facts sometimes."

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Speech by Col. Fred Grant.

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